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Latest News

States Fear CWA Jurisdiction Rollback Undercuts Push For 404 Authority

Trump administration plans to narrow the Obama-era standard for determining Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction might undercut some states' plans to assume CWA section 404 dredge-and-fill permitting authority, a

top state water official says, because it would limit the waters subject to the law and reduce the incentive for new state permit programs

EPA Withdraws Pesticide Rollback Rules, Clearing Path For PRIA Renewal

EPA has withdrawn from White House review rollbacks of Obama-era pesticide farmworker protection rules, part of a deal with Democratic senators to win confirmation for the Trump administration's new toxics chief and clear the way for Congress to renew EPA's authority to collect industry fees to support timely pesticide reviews.

GAO Finds DOE Nuclear Weapons Cleanup Liabilities Jumped \$109 Billion

The Energy Department's (DOE) liability for cleaning up the remaining 16 contaminated sites in its nuclear weapons complex jumped \$109 billion over the past year, to \$377 billion, largely due to updated estimates for addressing high-level radioactive waste at the Hanford reservation in Richland, WA, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) says in a just-released report.

EPA Opposes High Court Review Of CWA Section 404 Permit 'Objections'

EPA is urging the Supreme Court to deny a Michigan road commission's petition seeking judicial review of federal "objections" to state-crafted Clean Water Act (CWA) section 404 permit proposals, arguing even when the agency uses its power to move authority over a permit away from state regulators it is not "final agency action" subject to litigation.

EPA Faces New Backlog Of Chemical Applications After Shutdown Ends

EPA's chemical office staff are returning to work following the weeks-long government shutdown facing a new backlog of applications for new chemical approvals and limited time to meet statutory deadlines for assessing risks of existing chemicals, sources say.

EPA's Draft PV29 Analysis Raises Legal Test Over TSCA Data Standards

Environmentalists and former EPA staff are raising multiple concerns that the agency's recently released draft assessment of pigment violet 29 (PV29), the first such assessment released since Congress reformed the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), violates that statute, signaling they plan to sue if the agency does not change it.

Daily Feed

EPA appeals decision scrapping CWA jurisdiction rule delay

EPA will ask the 9th Circuit to overturn a district-level decision that held a two-year enforcement delay on the 2015 jurisdiction rule to be unlawful, which helped create a nationwide patchwork for water policy.

Environmentalists fault EPA defense of contested Title V air permit

Environmentalists says EPA cannot defend itself against their challenge to a Texas facility's Clean Air Act permit by relying on its doctrine of not 'second-guessing' states' decisions.

EPA eyes alternates to PFAS drinking water standard (updated)

Even as concern mounts over EPA's decision not to craft enforceable drinking water standards, the agency is considering other steps, including Superfund regulation and emergency cleanup orders under SDWA.

Safer chemicals group targets restaurant chains

Environmentalists are focusing toxics reduction efforts on food packaging used at many chain restaurants, fearing increased exposure to harmful perfluorinated compounds.

Ewire: Harris backs 'Green' deal, joining other 2020 hopefuls

In today's Ewire: A likely top-tier candidate in the Democratic presidential primary, Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA) says climate change is an "existential threat."

D.C. Circuit reschedules oral argument in EPA HFC policy suit

After a one-month delay, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has scheduled oral argument for March 8 in a suit over EPA's HFC refrigerant rules.

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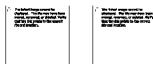
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